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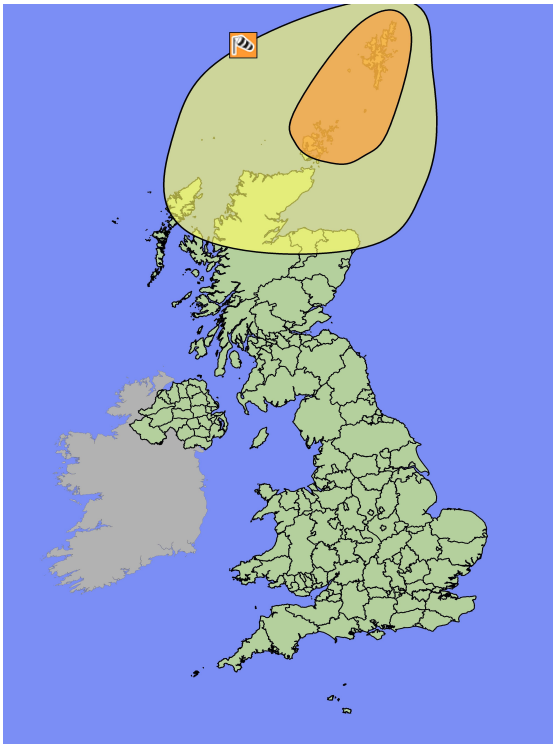

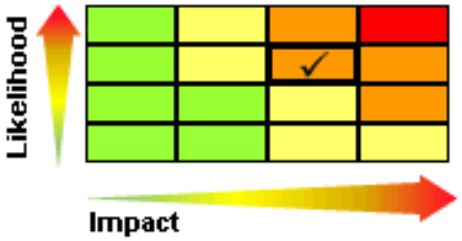

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A rapidly deepening area of low pressure is expected to move northeast past northwest Scotland, then pass east to the north of Shetland during Thursday. As a result gusts of 60 to 70 mph are likely in northwestern areas during Wednesday evening and on Thursday. The main concern however is for Thursday morning, when gusts of around 80 mph are expected across Shetland. There is also a significant risk of gusts of this strength affecting Orkney, and a lower risk for northernmost parts of mainland Scotland. The wind will ease from the west during Thursday afternoon.

(Please note that this warning is being re-issued because of technical problems with the original submission.)

The Met Office have issued an **Amber Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **00:05 on Thu, 01st Dec 2011** until **18:00 on Thu, 01st Dec 2011**

Southerly gales will develop during Wednesday evening, reaching severe gale overnight. Winds will become west to northwesterly by Thursday morning with severe gales continuing during the day. Storm force winds seem likely for a time across Shetland, and Orkney may be affected too. As a result of the very strong winds, the public should be prepared for travel disruption.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/uk_forecast_warnings.html

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